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**TESTIMONY RE: S. B. No. 192 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED
NURSES AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS FOR INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH
INSURANCE POLICIES.**

Insurance and Real Estate Committee
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Thank-you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Connecticut Nurses' Association (CNA), the professional organization for registered nurses in Connecticut, for SB 192, S. B. No. 192 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS FOR INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES.

I am Mary Jane Williams, current chairperson of its Government Relations Committee and professor and chair of nursing at the University of Hartford. I have practiced nursing for over 40 years and have been educating nurses in Connecticut in both the public and private sector for over 35 years.

Our Association supports this bill which will require the

Insurance Companies to:

1. Recognize qualified APRNs as fully available, fully credentialed providers – in other words, fully participating providers.
2. List all participating providers in a proper manner. For example, APRNs providing direct care (assessment, diagnosis, treatment, follow up, and referral as necessary) for acute and chronic health conditions, should be listed as primary care providers.
3. Allow all credentialed APRNs to bill carriers and to be directly reimbursed. This is vital to allow accurate tracking of APRN access and outcome data as it is rapidly becoming a key public policy assessment point.